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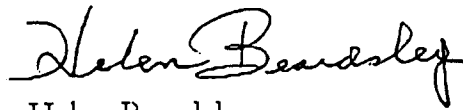
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wanted to write to thank you for the work that you have done in the Microsoft antitrust dispute, and for the role that you played in reaching the long overdue settlement that finally came to fruition.

Since the anti-trust suite has been settled in the interest of all parties I hope there will be no further legal action taken against Microsoft. After all, the terms of the settlement were well thought-out and are very reasonable, including increased government oversight of Microsoft's business practices and uniform rules for licensing Windows to computer makers.

Our economy has suffered a great deal, and it is time to support it by letting our technology industry get back to business. This agreement will benefit both consumers as well as the IT sector as a whole. I support this settlement, and hope to see it implemented soon.

Sincerely,

  
Helen Beardsley